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1. ON LEARNING OF MORE VIGOROUS INCURSION BY FREE PORT AUTHORITIES ON USG PROPERTY THAN HAD PREVIOUSLY OCCURRED COUNTRY DIRECTOR EMPHASIZED TO PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR JUNE 29 THAT IT PREJUDICES EFFORTS IN WHICH BOTH HAVE BEEN ENGAGED TO WORK OUT SETTLEMENT OF THIS PROBLEM. GONZALEZ SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF IT, AGREED IT WAS PREJUDICIAL, AND WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO HALT IT ON HIS RETURN TO PANAMA JUNE 3 O.

2. AT AMBASSADOR' S DISCRETION, A REMINDER TO GONZALEZ OF THAT CONVERSATION DURING HIS CONSULTATION IN PANAMA WOULD BE USEFUL.

3- WE CAN TOLERATE STATUS QUO ANTE WHILE WORKING OUT SETTLEMENT, WHICH AS GONZALEZ UNDERSTANDS WILL LIKELY TAKE SOME MONTHS, BUT BLATANT INTENSIFICATION OF INCURSION COULD LEAD US INTO ANOTHER OF THE U. S.- PANAMA IMBROGLIOS, PARTLY LEGALISTIC AND PARTLY EMOTIONAL, WE ARE TRYING TO AVOID. RUSH
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